

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN S. HARREL



Commander, California Army National Guard

Major General John S. Harrel assumed the duties of Commander, California Army National Guard in June 2009. In this capacity, MG Harrel provides operational oversight and guidance for the California Army National Guard, a force of over 17,000.

Major General Harrel's active military service began in 1975 after being commissioned a second lieutenant through the United States Marines Platoon Leaders Course. Since his commissioning he has held many positions of great responsibility to include Division Commander, 40th Infantry Division and as the Assistant Commander-Maneuver, 40th Infantry Division.

EDUCATION:

1973 Glendale Community College – Associates Degree - History
1975 California State University, Northridge – Bachelor of Administration - History
1983 Southwestern University School of Law– Jurist Doctorate - Law
1997 United States Army War College Fellowship – Masters – Strategic Studies
2003 General Officer Legal Course

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. October 1971-June 1975, USMCR Office Candidate, Platoon Leaders Class
2. June 1975- December 1975, USMCR Student, TBS, Quantico Va.
3. January 1976-June 1977, USMC Rifle Platoon Commander, Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
4. June 1977- February 1978, USMC, Executive Officer, Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
5. February 1978- June 1978 Assistant S-4 (Logistics), 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, Okinawa, Japan.
6. June 1978- February 1979, Executive Officer, Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, Okinawa, Japan.
7. February 1979-January 1980, USMC, Guard Platoon Commander, Marine Barracks, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California
8. January 1980- June 1980, USMC, Commander Administrative Company, Marine Barracks, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California.
9. June 1980- September 1980, USMCR, Captain Transferring to CA ARNG.

10. September 1980- October 1982, CA ARNG Assistant S-2, 1st Brigade, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized) San Pedro, California.
11. October 1982- December 1983, Battalion Motor Officer, 1st Battalion, 160th Infantry (Mechanized), Glendale, California.
12. December 1983-August 1985, Commander Combat Support Company, 1st Battalion, 160th Infantry (Mechanized), Burbank, California.
13. August 1985- June 1987 Commander Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 160th Infantry (Mechanized), Burbank, California.
14. June 1987- July 1989 Operations Officer, 3rd Battalion, 160th Infantry (Mechanized), Inglewood, California.
15. July 1989- August 1990 Assistant G3 - Plans, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Los Alamitos, California.
16. August 1990-April 1992 Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 185th Armor, San Bernardino, California.
17. April 1992- May 1992 Commander Task Force 1-185 Armor, (Los Angeles Riots) Los Angeles, California.
18. May 1992- August 1993 Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 185th Armor, San Bernardino, California.
19. August 1993- August 1994 Deputy G3, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Los Alamitos, California.
20. August 94- Jul 96 Commander, 1st Battalion, 185th Armor, San Bernardino, California.
21. July 1996- July 1997 Student, United States Army War College Fellowship Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
22. July 1997- September 1997 Commander, 3rd Battalion, 185th Armor, San Diego, California
23. September 1997- September 1998 Commander, 2nd Battalion, 160th Infantry (Mechanized) Fresno, California.
24. September 1998- April 1999 Assistant Chief of Staff Operations (G3) , 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Los Alamitos, California.
25. April 1999-September 1999 Assistant Chief of Staff Operations (G3) , 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Los Alamitos, California, Special Project Officer Peace Shield 1999 Ukraine.
26. September 1999- November 2002 Commander, 2nd Brigade, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized), San Diego, California.
27. November 2002- October 2004 Chief of Staff, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Los Alamitos, California.
28. October 2004 - August 2005 Chief of Staff/Executive Officer, Task Force Falcon/ Multi-National Brigade (East), Kosovo and Army Forces (ARFOR) Kosovo Macedonia and Albania.
29. August 2005 - January 2006 Commanding General Task Force Falcon/Multi-National Brigade (East), Kosovo and Army Forces (ARFOR) Kosovo, Macedonia and Albania.

Home station assignment Assistant Division Commander-Maneuver, 40th Infantry Division.

30. January 2006 - August 2007 Assistant Commander-Maneuver, 40th Infantry Division, Los Alamitos, California

31. August 2007 – June 2009 Commanding Officer, 40th Infantry Division, Los Alamitos, California

32. June 2009 to Present Commander, California Army National Guard, Sacramento, California

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit with 1 oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Achievement Medal

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)

National Defense Service Medal with 1 bronze star

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device

Army Service Ribbon

Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon with number "4"

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

California Medal of Merit with 1 oak leaf cluster

California Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Kansas Meritorious Service Ribbon

Ukraine, Order of Merit. Awarded

NATO, Non Chapter 5 Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:

Second Lieutenant USMCR

3 June 1975

First Lieutenant, USMC

1 June 1977

Captain, USMC

1 November 1979

Major, ARNG

3 November 1988

Lieutenant Colonel, ARNG

18 October 1994

Colonel, ARNG

01 November 1999

Brigadier General

21 August 2005

Major General, ARNG

2 October 2007